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Profit of the Kerala Soap Factory.

* 547 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) what was the net profit of the Kerala Soap Factory in each of the last four years ;

(*b*) how many workers were retrenched in the last four years ; and

(*c*) in which year did the Government give a grant of Rs. 1,00,000 to Techno Chemicals, Limited, Kozhikode, which was competing with Government Soap Factory ?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) The net profit of the Kerala Soap Institute, Kozhikode, in each of the last four years is as follows :—

Year.	Net profits.
	RS.
1948–49	1,44,988
1949–50	78,895
1950–51	31,915
1951–52	53,074

" (*b*) Fifty-two workers were retrenched in the last four years.

" (*c*) The amount was sanctioned in 1949 but was disbursed on 29th April 1950."

Gasson Police Benevolent Fund.

* 548 *Q.*—SRI G. RAMA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the total amount of Godson's Fund (collected from police constables) available with Government now ;

(*b*) how much amount was spent during last year ;

(*c*) whether the Government will place a copy of the rules governing the purposes and utility of the fund ; and

(*d*) whether the Government have contributed anything to this fund ?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) There is no fund for Police constables in the Police department known as ' Godson's Fund ', but there is a fund called ' Gasson Police Benevolent Fund '. This is a non-Government fund catering to the needs of the constabulary, etc., in the Police department. A total amount of Rs. 1,36,809–12–5 was collected for this fund up to 31st December 1952.

" (*b*) A sum of Rs. 9,982–8–0 was spent out of the Fund during 1952.

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"(c) A copy [a] of the Rules governing the Gasson Police Benevolent Fund is placed on the table of the House.

"(d) Government have not made any contribution to this Fund."

Travelling allowances of Revenue Inspectors and Managers of Estates.

* 549 Q.—SRI G. RAMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state the criterion for fixation and payments of different kinds of Travelling Allowances, i.e., (1) Fixed Travelling Allowance for regular Firka Revenue Inspectors and Tahsildars; and (2) Madras Travelling Allowance for Special Revenue Inspectors for their Estate duties and Managers of Estates?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Fixed Travelling allowance is granted to officers who have a limited jurisdiction and who have to tour for a minimum number of days. Travelling allowance under the Madras Travelling Allowance Rules is granted to officers who have an extensive area to tour and where no minimum touring is prescribed. Revenue Inspectors, Deputy Tahsildars and Tahsildars employed for Estate work are paid Fixed Travelling Allowance as those in the regular line, if their jurisdiction is a firka, a sub-taluk or a taluk respectively. They are, however, paid travelling allowance under Madras Travelling Allowance Rules for tours outside a firka, a sub-taluk or a taluk as the case may be subject to the condition that proportionate deduction should be made in the fixed travelling allowance for the number of days for which travelling allowance under Madras Travelling Allowance Rules is claimed."

Collection of Profession tax from District Board teachers.

* 550 Q.—SRI G. SIVASANKARA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have received recommendations from the District Boards of Cuddapah and Anantapur not to levy profession tax on District Board teachers; and if so, the decision taken by Government upon it?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" A representation on the subject has been received from the Anantapur District Board but not from Cuddapah District Board. The Anantapur District Board was informed that its proposal to exempt its elementary school teachers in non-panchayat areas would result in discrimination in favour of the teachers in non-panchayat areas vis-a-vis those employed in panchayat areas and would therefore be objectionable and that as the financial position of the District Board is not sound, it may reconsider the matter and cancel the exemption."

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[a] Printed as Appendix VIII on page 376-379 infra.